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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

ALGERIA.

Philippeville declared free of plague.

The following information is received from the Department of State, under date of January 3:

A dispatch from the American ambassador at Paris reports that the foreign office has informed him that the last case of plague having been discovered at Philippeville on November 2, the bacteriological examinations made on rats having proven negative since November 25, and all measures for disinfection and for the destruction of rats having been applied, the port of Phillippeville need no longer be considered as contaminated.

CUBA.

Reports from Cienfuegos—Inspection of vessels—Yellow fever—Summary for the month of December, 1907—Yellow fever case on schooner Mercedita.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Marsillan reports, January 6 and 9:

Week ended January 4. A vessel from Castries, St. Lucia, for a port in the United States via Habana, was inspected, and the vessel granted a supplemental bill of health.

Since December 30, 4 fatal cases of yellow fever have been reported, 2 in this city. Two originated at Palmira and 1 at Rodas.

Month of December, 1907.

Vessels inspected	15
Vessels inspected and fumigated	7
Bills of health issued	22
Members of crews inspected	628
Members of crews inspected landed at this port	3
Members of crews inspected taken on at this port	1
Passengers inspected, 4 left here, 3 in transit	7

January 9. One case of yellow fever among the crew of the schooner *Mercedita*, Spaniard, reported by the health officer of this city, was confirmed yesterday. The origin of the infection is traceable to foci in the city.

January 13. One new case of yellow fever confirmed to-day; origin of infection traceable to rural town of Rodas.

January 14. Two cases of yellow fever reported to-day in this city; isolated in the civil hospital. Infection traceable to surrounding country. The case from Rodas died January 13. The two cases reported to-day are from Cienfuegos.